



Canyon Lake Senior Center

October 2009 Online Newsletter

Prez Sez

By Marvin Espeland

Every summer, I journey up to the northern part of the state to help my nephew harvest his wheat. I love to do it. It's good therapy. This year, in addition to harvesting, I had the opportunity to witness an event that has left a very deep impression on me.

An aging farmer who was unquestionably the patriarch of his family had been diagnosed of having terminal cancer. Instead of having the sadness of seeing his last harvest, it turned out to be a great big celebration. The harvesters were there to do their job but many more came to be there to join in the event. Several took turns operating the combines, hauling grain, elevating the grain into bins or taking it to elevators in town. Others simply observed, visited, manned the grill and kept the food table stocked or simply ran errands. Neighbors joined in bringing more food, visiting and also to observe the harvest.

When it ended, the family patriarch exclaimed that this was the best harvest ever. One he cherished and would remember as such.

I was most certainly impacted by observing this event. What an example of how positive recognition and celebrations can reshape attitudes making our tomorrows much easier to face.

By now you are probably asking why I am sharing this event with you in this article. In our day-to-day associations within the Center, we have many opportunities to uplift ourselves and others by recognizing accomplishments, important dates and events. Birthday celebrations are such an opportunity. I plan on attending as many as I can. A greeting, a handshake or even a hug can go a long way to help the celebrant. And perhaps that same person will return the act on my birthday making it a brighter day of celebration.

Memorandum from Michael

By Michael LaBelle

October is upon us with three-fourths of the year gone into the history books. With October comes the fall rummage sale the first weekend and the chicken noodle dinner the second Tuesday of the month. Both of these events are made possible by groups of dedicated volunteers concerned about the success and survival of the Center for generations to come.

Since June I have been expressing concerns about our volunteers and the financial situation of the Center. Soon the board of directors will be discussing the 2010 budget in all its splendor. Increases in dues and fees are almost assured. Challenge 2009 has been successful in the general sense, but it still appears that we will more than likely fall short of our objective this year. I won't blame it on the economy and government policy. Our expenses have gone up faster than our income and that is the bottom line.

We are a member-owned organization doing the best we can as a business. If you have taken that additional step to donate to the Center, thank you. If not, do something.

Holidays are just around the corner with happiness and jocularly soon to be in the air. So enjoy the coming weeks and be well.

Rummage Reminder

By CLSC Rummage Committee

The fall Canyon Lake rummage sale is fast approaching. Our storage rooms are filled and our workers are busy. The sale starts Thursday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m. with early bird sales. There is a \$5 shopping fee that evening.

Friday, Oct. 2, the doors open at 8 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Saturday Oct. 3, the sale continues from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Since the successful July rummage sale, committee members and sorters have been working toward fall rummage sale. There will be no activities starting Wednesday, Sept. 30 in the Viking Hall, Card Room, and Library Lounge due to the necessary set-up time that will be needed for this huge sale.

The Canyon Lake fall rummage sale is not your ordinary garage sale. We have many areas filled with enticing items. Check out the antiques, jewelry, holiday decorations, ceramics, furniture and boutique. Antiques and jewelry will have separate booths. You will be drawn to the Main Room with its array of baked goods and reasonably priced lunch. You can wander around the Library Lounge and purchase that lamp or toaster you need to replace. The Card Room will have many, many books, records and tapes. In Viking Hall there is plenty of room for the clothing, shoes, purses, linens, dishes, glassware, craft items and other items too numerous to mention. Prices will be indicated by colored dots. An item from the bake sale will be a perfect way to top off the delicious lunch offered.

Last-minute rummage donations will be accepted. Rummage sales at Canyon Lake are among its more profitable fundraisers. Yes, it does take a lot of work and time. We will need some workers who are willing to help. Proceeds help pay some of the bills (just like home). The sale also gets us better acquainted with fellow members and provides a social time. We appreciate every one's help and the wonderful donations from members and the community. Donations will be accepted up to the day before the sale.

Library Challenge 2009

By Nila Boone

Being able to borrow books, puzzles and VCR tapes from the library collection at Canyon Lake Senior Center has been, in my estimation, one of the perks that comes with CLSC membership. Neither 50 cents activity fee nor monthly activity card is needed.

Now I'm challenging all library users to take part in Challenge 2009 in support of the Center by donating monetarily what you think the Library has been worth to you in the past and will be in the future. There will be a marked container in the Office for Library Challenge 2009 donations.

Thank you in advance for any donation you wish to give.

Canyon Lake October Announcements

Wednesday, Sept. 30	1 p.m.	Rummage Setup
Thursday, Oct. 1	8 a.m.	Rummage Setup
Thursday, Oct. 1	4-7 p.m.	Rummage Pre-Sale
Friday, Oct. 2	8 a.m.-7 p.m.	Rummage Sale
Saturday, Oct. 3	8 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Rummage Sale
Monday, Oct. 5	4:30 p.m.	October Business Mtg.
Thursday, Oct. 8	7:45 a.m.	Hikers
Thursday, Oct. 8	3 p.m.	Lunch Bunch/Wild Red Plums
Tuesday, Oct. 13	9 a.m.	Silverado
Tuesday, Oct. 13	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Chicken Noodle Supper
Thursday, Oct. 15	9 a.m.	Tin Lizzie
Tuesday, Oct. 20	2 p.m.	October Birthday Party
Wednesday, Oct. 28	2 p.m.	Ice Cream Day

November Announcements

Tuesday, Nov. 3	2 p.m.	November Birthday Party
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